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# H. R. 3205

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay for one year implementation of the per beneficiary limits under the interim payment system to home health agencies.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1998

Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. COOK, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. OLVER, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. ACKERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DELAY OF PER BENEFICIARY LIMITS UNDER**  
 2 **INTERIM PAYMENT SYSTEM AND CHANGE OF**  
 3 **BASE YEAR.**

4 (a) DELAY IN PER BENEFICIARY LIMITS UNDER IN-  
 5 TERIM PAYMENT SYSTEM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(v)(1)(L) of the  
 7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)), as  
 8 amended by section 4602 of the Balanced Budget  
 9 Act of 1997, is amended in clauses (v) and (vi) by  
 10 striking “October 1, 1997,” each place it appears  
 11 and inserting “October 1, 1998,”.

12 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
 13 1861(v)(1)(L)(vii) of the Social Security Act (42  
 14 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)(vii)), as added by section  
 15 4602(c) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, is  
 16 amended—

17 (A) by striking “April 1, 1998,” and in-  
 18 serting “August 1, 1998,”; and

19 (B) by striking “fiscal year 1998” and in-  
 20 serting “fiscal year 1999”.

21 (b) CHANGE IN BASE YEAR.—Section  
 22 1861(v)(1)(L)(v)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 23 1395x(v)(1)(L)(v)(I)) is amended by striking “ending dur-  
 24 ing fiscal year 1994” each place it appears and inserting  
 25 “ending during fiscal year 1995 or, at the election of the  
 26 agency, calendar year 1995”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply as if included in the  
3 enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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